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## Refugees await status

by Melinda Wittstock

On October 21st, the federal government discontinued all financial aid to 605 "non-status" refugees. 480 of the refugees are presently in Montréal.

Those currently awaiting recognition of their status have neither money nor Canadian contacts. They also lack a working knowledge of either official language. Given the 13.2 per cent unemployment rate in Montréal, work permits issued by the Immigration Office do not guarantee the refugees a means of supporting themselves.

"Non-status" refugees are those who flee their countries because of racial or political oppression and request asylum when they arrive in Canada. Refugees come without a definite means of support or guarantee of official refugee status.

Refugees often come from

poor Third World countries, or nations at war or governed by repressive regimes. Such countries include El Salvador, Guatemala, Zaire, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka or Poland.

These arrivals differ from 'status' refugees who are already designated as such and given sponsorship papers from Immigration Canada before entering the country. Every year the government sponsors a certain number of refugees from countries under repressive rule and underwrites the cost of resettling them in Canada. The federal government will accept 10,000 official refugees in 1983.

A contingency reserve of places are set aside for additional refugees in case of unforeseen crises. However, no provision is made for individual cases or the non-status refugees. Each request for asylum is reviewed individually by the Refugee Status Advisory Committee (RSAC), whose job it is

to assess "the credibility of these claimants" and to advise the Minister of Immigration whether to accept them.

75 per cent of all applications are rejected, sometimes after a year and a half waiting period.

The newest controversy over non-status refugees concerns the lengthy decision-making process and the predicament of the refugees during the waiting period. The government had formerly given aid to the non-status refugees until the Immigration Department decided their fate.

According to Immigration officer M. St. Onge, the refugees have to take their examinations under oath and statements are "typed up and processed" before being sent to the committee for a decision.

Under what St. Onge calls the "Blitz Program," statements are rushed to the committee for a "hopefully quick decision." This quick decision can take up to two years.

St. Onge explained the reason for the long waiting period. "We are so overwhelmed by the number of applications. We are so busy, but those who are refused have the right to appeal the decision," he said.

Since refugees cannot return home for fear of imprisonment and possibly death, they are entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions for this interim period.

One non-government  
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## MAG: Blooming debts and wilting finances

by Peter F. Kuitenbrouwer

By manipulating statistics, the Municipal Action Group (MAG) managed to paint a much rosier picture of its financial health before the November 14th municipal election than is now appearing.

Late in August, Sorecom, a polling organization, did a public opinion survey on the intentions of Montréalers in the November municipal election. MAG paid for it.

The poll showed MAG's mayoralty candidate Henri-Paul Vignola a close second behind Drapeau in the race among decided voters, and Jean Doré a distant third.

The poll results appeared in the Gazette a month later. They

were inserted in an editorial-page column to demonstrate that Vignola was running closely behind Drapeau in the minds of voters. Yet, as MAG co-founder Bob Keaton said in a phone interview Friday, "A poll is a snapshot in time. Politics is not stagnant. The poll was not accurate a month after it was taken."

The poll implied that MAG could probably win enough votes to regain 20 per cent of its campaign expenses after the election.

"Of course (the poll) was cited to people who loaned money to MAG. We also used the poll internally as an indicator of our position in the race," Keaton said.

The party is in a bad financial situation now, owing at least \$130,000, according to Gazette statistics. Can they pay back their creditors? Keaton refused to divulge his party's financial status. He said MAG would announce its financial status in a declaration 90 days after the election, as is law.

Before the election, the party claimed far sounder finances than are now evident, citing their debt as only \$40,000.

"Why should I comment before I've even divulged our financial status to the delegates?" Keaton asked. He said people supported MAG because they agreed with the party's ideas and goals, not because of a trumped-up idea of

its status.

Gazette columnist and MAG councillor Nick Auf Der Maur refused to comment on the poll or the party's finances, except to say "we have a computer print-out that proves Sorecom did the poll."

Nonetheless, MAG did not let the Montréal polling firm interpret the raw data, but took it to another firm. Info-OL.

## Disarmament activist outlines plans

by Claire M. Lancôt

In the wake of the Remembrance day protest at the Litton systems plant in Ontario the week before, Project Ploughshares national co-ordinator, Murray Thompson, outlined the group's plans for peace activism in a speech at McGill on November 18th.

72 demonstrators were arrested for civil disobedience in front of the Litton plant, which manufactures the guidance system for the Cruise missile.

Thompson outlined the proposals of the Non-Governmental Organization conference (NGO) held the

previous week in New York.

The NGOs established a list of four priorities in establishing their disarmament goals, emphasizing the need for:

- A freeze and the creation of a nuclear-free zone.
- A comprehensive test ban.
- A commitment from nuclear powers never to initiate weapon use in a conflict, or, an even stronger no-use pledge.
- Government cut-backs on weapon production, trade and export.

The NGOs are backed by the UN in their efforts to mobilize public opinion. The UN has officially launched a campaign to

promote public awareness of the disarmament movement, but very few countries have pledged any money. Canada has yet to make a contribution.

In Canada, some MPs are slowly becoming involved in disarmament. According to Thompson, the original "Minority Six" who prepared a statement last spring opposing first use of nuclear weapons and testing of arms on Canadian soil have increased from 6 to about 18.

Closer to home, the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR) and Physicians

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## Wonder drug worries

by Suzy Goldenberg

The federal Department of Health and Welfare granted DES-Action Canada \$20,000 last week to research and distribute information about the effects of the synthetic hormone on pregnant women and their children.

DES (Diethylstilbestrol) was administered to Canadian women from 1941-1971 to prevent miscarriage. Use of the hormone results in a rare form of vaginal cancer, clear cell adenocarcinoma.

According to the November 20th Gazette, other side-effects for female offspring are genital structural abnormalities, including vaginal or cervical ridges and hoods in one-third of DES daughters. 90 per cent had adenosis or growth of benign tissue. They also suffer increased risk of miscarriage, ectopic pregnancies and still births.

Side effects for males surface from adolescence to the 20's. They include benign cysts, low sperm count, undescended testicles and reduced fertility.

McGill graduate Harriet Simand who began DES-Action Canada last May is a cancer victim herself. The drug was administered to her mother before Harriet's birth in 1959.

Simand approached the McGill Women's Union when she began building a DES network two months ago. There are no groups here although grass-roots action began about four years ago in the United States.

Paula Fleisher of the McGill DES group, stresses that it "is vital to reach out to people of university age. McGill is the population to reach."

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### Inaugural Lecture

Professor I. Bernard Cohen, Harvard University, will present the Inaugural Elizabeth B. McNab Lecture in the History of Science and of Ideas, at 8:30 p.m., Faculty Club Ballroom, 3450 McTavish. Topic: The

Newtonian Scientific Revolution and Its Significance. Open to public, free.

### Arab Students' Association

International Solidarity Day with the Palestinian People, (proclaimed by the U.N. on Nov. 15.77). Activities to be held in Union Bldg. Room B-09-B10. Film: "Palestine is the Issue" - 1 p.m.; "Palestinians: Holding on" - 2 p.m. Exhibit of Palestinian handicrafts and literature, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Info. Kiosk 12-2 p.m., main entrance.

### Guitar Recital

Sandy Cochrane, Tony Battista & Edward Rusnac play guitar trios and duos with flute and clarinet. 8 p.m., Recital Hall, 555 Sherbrooke W.

### Rowing Team

Team meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Currie Gym, Room G20. Topics are indoor tank training times and weight-training clinic (Dec. 4). All team members are asked to attend.

### Concordia Theatre

"Zaztrozzi, the Master of Discipline" by George F. Walker; directed by Paul Hanna at D.B. Clarke Theatre, 1455 de Maisonneuve W. 8:30 p.m. Special price \$1. For reservations: 849-4341.

### TUESDAY NOV. 30

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Meeting of the Executive Council in the Arts Council Room, 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

#### Debating Union

Regular meeting in Union room 310, 7:15. New members are always welcome.

#### Chess Association

Meeting at 5 p.m., Union Bldg Room 404.

#### Women's Union

Perspectives on Battered Women. Guest speakers: Judy Magill and Marie Claude Morin. 5 p.m., Union 423. Everyone welcome.

#### South Africa Committee

Another intellectually stimulating meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.

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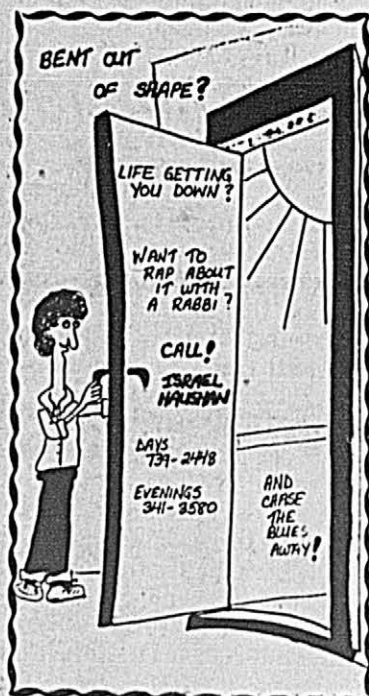
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# SPORTS

## Martlets win 58-47

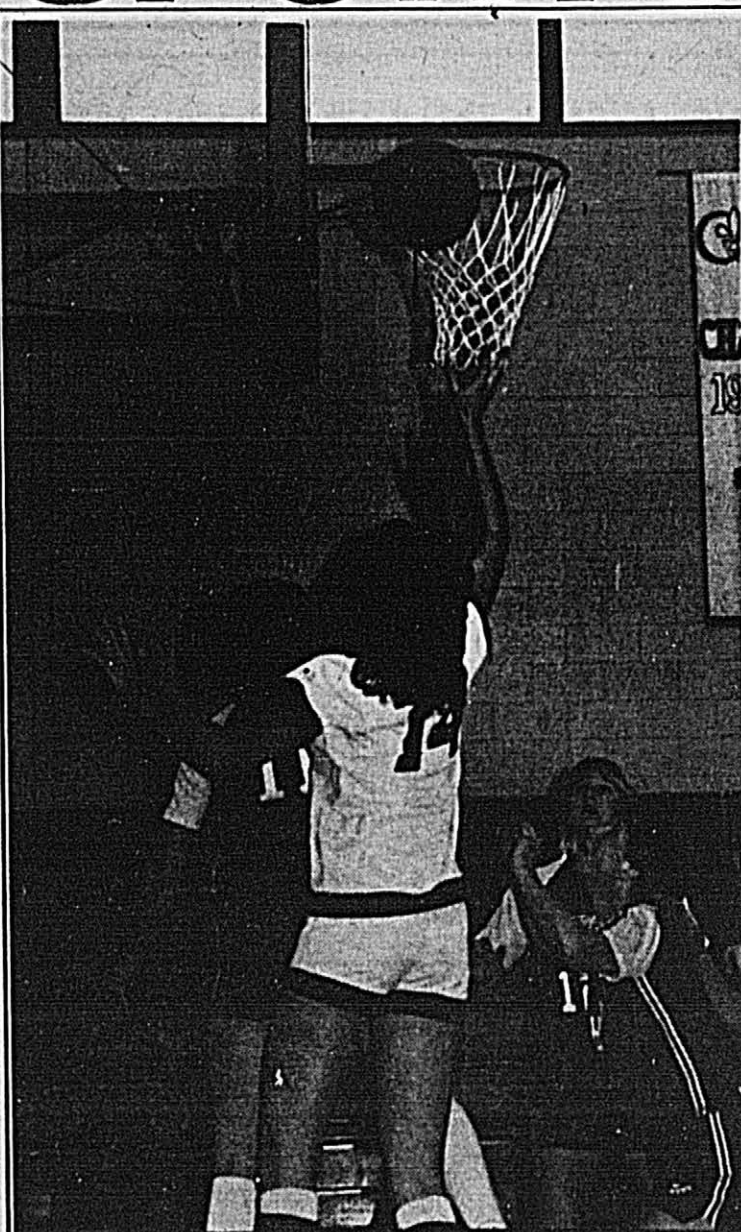
by Laura Lisiak

Last Tuesday the Martlets won their first game in league play as they defeated the Université de Québec à Trois Rivières 58-47 at the Currie Gym.

The entire game was dominated by the Martlets, but their defense was not up to par since the Patriotes were able to score on Martlet mistakes. The next time the Martlets meet a quick team they will have to adjust from playing strictly in zone to a player-to-player defense. On a bright note, the Martlets should be commended on their low-foul play.

Next Tuesday evening the Martlets will travel to Bishops University to meet the Lady Gaiters at 8:30 p.m. This will be a big game for the Martlets as they attempt to conquer the Lady Gaiters on their homecourt. The last time the two teams met, the Martlets lost by four points at the University of Toronto Tournament. It should be an exciting game because the Martlets have improved since the last encounter and the Lady Gaiters are not the dominating team they used to be.

daily - J.M. TRAPP



## ....480 homeless awaiting decision in Montréal

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organization called Centre Sociale d'Aide aux Immigrants finds apartments for refugees and gives them money for food and rent. Until October 21st, this organization received grants from the Federal Government to aid the refugees.

Mathilde Marchand, of SOS Refugee, a division of the Social Aid Center, said,

"The government has ended up paying, with taxpayers' money, for hotel rooms at \$40 a night at a hotel near Mirabel airport. It should be obvious to the government that it would be cheaper for them and the taxpayer if they resumed their aid to the non-status refugees," Marchand said.

In the meantime, the Aid Center is accepting donations for the most needy families.

The Québec Immigration Department, which has said the

refugees are the Federal Government's responsibility, recently announced that refugees are eligible to apply for welfare.

Neither Marchand nor Gerald Godin, the provincial Minister of Immigration and Cultural Communities, have received recognition of their demands from Minister of Employment

and Immigration Lloyd Axworthy.

Axworthy stated that since 75 percent of the refugees are deported anyway, he would not be able to justify payments to the refugees to the Canadian taxpayer.

The Relief Project for Refugees at McGill had raised \$1,000 as of last Friday.

## ....UN backs no-nuke plan

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for Nuclear Responsibility (PNR) are two of the several groups active in Montréal. Two organizations active on campus are Ploughshares McGill and the recently formed Academics for Nuclear Disarmament.

Thompson gave three reasons for "modest optimism" within the disarmament movement:

- A "groundswell of concern" is obvious in the West, in Eastern

Europe and the Third World, linking disarmament and development.

- Diplomats are beginning to act on disarmament issues due to the movement's increased momentum. "We cannot help but be influenced," was one diplomat's response to the New York rally last June.

- Workers on both occupational and professional levels are forming disarmament groups.

## Women's Notes

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One of the problems of researching the effects of DES on offspring is finding proper data.

Statistics on cancer are flimsy, Fleisher said. No one knows how many pregnant women were exposed to DES since it was marketed under different brand names and in various forms. The Canadian government has also been reticent in dispensing information on DES. Most of the information must come from the U.S.

To further complicate research, DES was prescribed in the morning-after pill and to prevent vaginal bleeding and spotting. The hormone is now only used to treat extreme forms of breast and prostate cancer.

The McGill group will aid Simand in distributing information about the syndrome and serve as her resource bank by assembling pamphlets and having slide presentations. Simand presently operates DES-Action from one telephone line in her basement.

Future plans include establishing a screening program at McGill Health Services. Anyone who suspects her mother had taken DES during pregnancy could then be tested conveniently. This would fill the information gap about the effects of the hormone.

Many doctors do not have the special instruments or stains required to test for DES-caused cancer, Fleisher said.

There are ten McGill teaching hospitals that screen women for DES side-effects. Soon urologists will be available to screen men for symptoms as well.

Up to 1,000 law suits have been filed against U.S. manufacturers for negligent distribution of DES. One victim won her case against Abbott Manufacturers of California in 1980, said Fleisher. More recent cases have arisen in New York state.

Students seeking more information on DES can contact the Women's Union.

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The McGill Women's Union will house a birth control collective beginning next semester. The collective will buy spermicidal creams and jellies and condoms in bulk and sell them within the McGill community and to others at prices slightly above cost.

The idea for the co-op surfaced last year and received support from the Union, professors in the Faculty of Social Work and the Head and Hands Clinic in NDG.

A typical price for large size containers of Ramsay and Ortho creams and jellies will be \$5.40. The same products sell for as much as \$16 at commercial outlets. Wholesale costs hover around the \$5 mark.

The co-op will be a non-profit venture. Any surplus incurred will be recycled back into the project.

The collective may also dispense diaphragms to women with prescription pending legal clarification. Pregnancy testing is another tentative possibility.

Says Liz Harper, principal organizer of the Birth Control Collective, "One of the reasons women get pregnant — not the only reason — is that birth control is so expensive. Drug companies are ripping women off a lot."

The collective will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Women's Union Drop-In centre. The Collective will welcome both men and women and offer contraceptive counselling and information.

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The newest Atari video game, "Custer's Revenge," may not be here in time for Christmas.

The game shows the partially-clad general running towards a tied-up naked Native woman. Players score each time Custer rapes the woman — who apparently enjoys herself.

Although Canada Customs decided to allow the game entry into Canada October 18th, Revenue Canada Minister Pierre Bussieres has promised to review the decision that the scenes "were not explicit enough to be judged obscene or indecent."

Customs legislation prohibits the importation of hard-core pornography and maintains a list of publications that contravene the code and are therefore inadmissible.



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invades McGill

Students' Council has given us a repeat performance. At last week's meeting, representatives again refused to take a political stand on issues that affect students.

The Department of National Defense will be interviewing McGill students for military-related jobs on December 7th and 8th. At Wednesday's meeting, club representative Colin Tomlins proposed a motion calling for Council to boycott the recruitment drive and denounce "the federal government's actions in having the Department of National Defense recruiting on university campuses." The motion was voted down by a margin of 12-5.

The motion's defeat is disturbing on three counts: it demonstrates Council's hypocrisy, it emphasizes a campus need for Student Initiated Referenda, and it reinforces a noticeable trend steering Council away from political issues important to students.

The refusal to boycott the Defense Department's recruitment campaign contradicts the principle Council set for itself in voting to support the Refuse the Cruise protest. Last month councillors passed a motion in favour of the Ottawa demonstration opposing the federal government's decision allowing the United States to test its Cruise Missile in Alberta. Vice President External Affairs Benjie Trister was even mandated to send telegrams to the Prime Minister and other officials expressing student opposition to the testing.

The simple and sound reasoning behind the motion to Refuse the Cruise was that Canadian soil should not be used to further military endeavors and countries should limit their nuclear build-up. The same reasoning can be applied to the proposal to boycott the Defense Department recruitment.

If Canadian land should not be used in military activities, why should Canadian university students be encouraged to staff them? If nations should be reducing their arms supplies, why should new blood be pumped into Canadian military plans?

Students' Council's response to these questions has been uneven at best. Several representatives at last week's meeting said that considering current economic conditions, Council should not interfere in possible job opportunities — including Defense Department recruitment.

Representatives seem oblivious to the fact that the federal government is putting money into defense projects which could be invested in peaceful, longer-lasting, needed job creation programs.

At Wednesday night's meeting graduate studies representative Bahram Massoudi reported on the results of a survey he took among graduate students. He found that a majority felt Council should not be deciding on questions as important as whether or not the Defense Department should be allowed to recruit at McGill. Members of his constituency believed such judgements should be made by a general campus-wide referendum.

One important discrepancy remains between Massoudi's survey findings and what students can actually do. Thanks to efforts of Executive Committee members last spring, no channels currently exist for Student Initiated Referenda (SIR). The SIR package proposed to Senate last year was referred back to Students' Society after three executive committee members sent letters to Senators urging them to vote against the measure. Although students may feel political decisions should be settled through a campus-wide referendum, this is impossible at McGill because SIR was stifled last March.

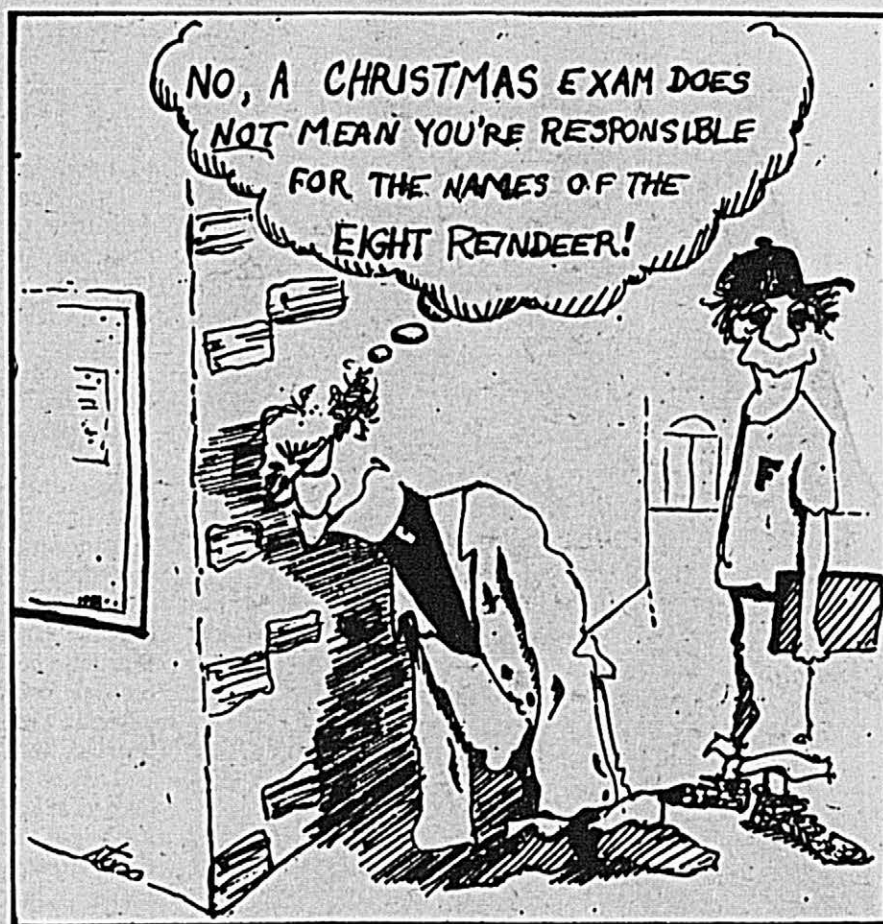
The SIR package is presently being considered by the Students' Society Constitution Committee, which is revamping the association's by-laws. Council has demanded that the new constitution be ready for review in December and SIR will be included in the new document. However, the revised version of the Student Initiated Referenda package will give the University Senate the right to veto any referendum passed by students. So, if and when SIR is passed and implemented at McGill, it will be a watered down version of its originally powerful form.

Tomlins' motion to boycott the Defense Department recruitment also broadened the subject of Council's function as a political body. Students are a solid force and should use their unity as a political tool. This year's executive committee, especially, seems averse to incorporating disarmament, apartheid, and doubt of collegiality into Council's *raison d'être* of beer and pizza.

At the recent open meeting of Students' Society, executive members were asked their position on possible unionization of McGill workers, professor tenure cases and divestment of university funds from South African-linked corporations. In most cases the response was either vague because members were not familiar with background information on issues, or purely negative. For example, Trister said he would probably urge Council not to support a strike by university workers unless union demands were "reasonable."

Students' Council's refusal to oppose Defense Department recruitment on campus was the climax of a drama that has been in the making all year. It was a repeat performance that will continue unless students object. No more encores, please.

Molra Ambrose



## Letters

## Trister rights

## To the Daily:

I would like to comment on an article which appeared last Friday in the Hyde Park section of your newspaper. The piece dealt with the appraisal by certain individuals concerning how well I am fulfilling my duties as Vice-President, External Affairs, of the Students' Society. Unfortunately, the information in the article was simply not factual.

A proper review of my campaign promises and the progress I have made in each of these areas will attest that I have been fulfilling my responsibilities as a representative of McGill Students.

When I ran for election, I pledged to strengthen and diversify RAEU. It is true that I recently advised Students' Council to withdraw its membership from that organization, however, this move was intended to force RAEU to come to terms with McGill's demands.

McGill has been involved in negotiations with RAEU for more than 18 months. Until we pulled out, no real progress had been made regarding McGill's concerns by either this year's or last year's councils.

The points of contention were as follows:

● The method of determining membership fees was unacceptable. In the past,

McGill has been grossly overcharged. For example, during the 1981-82 academic session, McGill paid \$8,000. The University of Montreal paid only \$1,800.

● RAEU was not keeping proper financial records, making it difficult to determine how our money was being spent.

● RAEU was not making an effort to communicate their policies or actions to McGill students, partly because of the linguistic barrier. This is a major point because it is unreasonable to expect McGill Students to support a union which fails to communicate with them.

Since our departure from RAEU, we have made significant progress on our demands. Worried that McGill might join a rival student organization, RAEU has finally woken up and has taken action to rectify the above-mentioned problems.

RAEU has just written a ten page section on financial regulations in its constitution, ensuring that its members receive financial reports at every meeting. It has also pledged to publicize its activities in our student newspaper, the Tribune. Our strategy has already proven to be effective and I am confident that RAEU will be even stronger in the future as a result of McGill finally

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# Feature

*At the University of New Brunswick:*

## Everybody put on your Blackshirts

by Brian Topp

Imagine this.

It is only a few weeks after our aspiring young students' council president has been elected by a respectable landslide. Flush with victory, he walks about campus hoping to be noticed, and he is. Indeed, he is hard to miss with his Ronnie Reagan-style pompadour, dark tie on white shirt, black uniform and black shoes, and his "SP" ("Student Party") epaulets ... yes, epaulets ... with the "S" designed to resemble the lightning-bolt letters of the Nazi *Schutzstaffel*.

Welcome to Fredericton, home of the University of New Brunswick (UNB), where Student Party leader John Bosnitch was recently elected students' council president.

John is not your average students' council president, and when he is through with it, it looks like the University of New Brunswick Students' Union will on longer be your average students' association, either.

The Student Party is a coalition of perhaps a dozen UNB students, united behind Bosnitch and a desire to introduce a certain coherence to the administration of a students' union they say has been poorly run in the past.

The Party ran a slate of candidates for office during council elections this past October 20th. A relatively high turnout (2,069 voters — almost twice as many as voted last year) gave Bosnitch the presidency and representatives of the SP, running on their "Unity Platform", an absolute majority on UNB's students' council.

"At 7 o'clock tonight, when the polls closed, students at UNB woke up," Bosnitch declared after the election results were announced. "No longer is there going to be corruption, dishonesty, thievery or irresponsibility in the student union. Under my presidency, there will be a government of true representatives that will make every other campus in Canada envious."

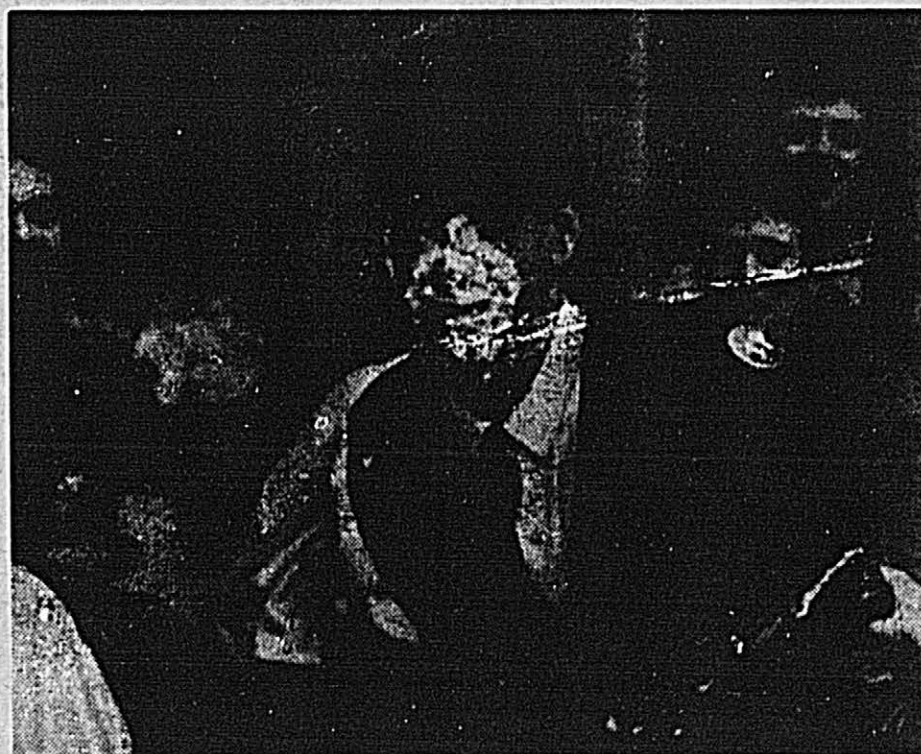
Actually, most of the Unity Platform isn't all that much to write home about. In an interview with the campus newspaper *The Brunswickan*, Bosnitch promised that "action is rapidly progressing" on strengthening the campus ombudsman's office. Further, controversy about bookstore prices "is under review." He said that "a revamping" of the university disciplinary code was being studied "to make it a justice code for students, not a disciplinary code imposed on us from outside the student body." Finally, Bosnitch promised full support for UNB's winter carnival and similar activities.

To the bulk of the student body, Bosnitch's most noteworthy move to date seems to have been the opening of new quarters for the UNB Social Club, which serves as the campus bar. Most who this observer spoke to on campus defended the SP and its president.

"Look, he was the only presidential candidate out of five that ran who had done his homework," one student active in residences said. "He sat on all the committees last year, he paid his dues, and he's the only interesting political thing that's happened at UNB for years."

Certainly, despite the dry platform, there is more that is interesting about Bosnitch's first moves as president than his blackshirt and epaulets.

Shortly after the SP's victory, posters



UNB Student Union President Bosnitch was the centre of attention at a recent pie-in.

appeared all over campus headed, in bold capitals, by the word **proclamation**. In this proclamation, Bosnitch announced the creation of a "Presidential Secretariat", a new ten-person committee appointed by Bosnitch to assist him in his duties. Judging by the functions this secretariat is assigned, Bosnitch bears unusually weighty responsibilities for a Students' council president. President's secretaries are appointed to coordinate organization, information, external affairs, services, academics, "justice", athletics, residences, and international students.

Interestingly, some of these functions are assigned under the UNB Students' Union constitution to the Vice President of the association. The recently-elected Vice President, Timothy Lethbridge, is the sole member of the union executive not belonging to the SP.

The Presidential Secretariat also has a general mandate to represent and keep in contact with the student body. This overlap of the Presidential Secretariat's duties with the functions ordinarily reserved for Students' Council drew some comment when presented for approval, but the SP-dominated Council duly approved the establishment of the Secretariat at its first meeting November 8th.

Many of the SP Councillors were appointed by Bosnitch to the Secretariat. No non-SP councillors were asked to join the group.

In other business at the same meeting, Bosnitch issued custom-made I.D. cards to councillors.

Also of note was a motion from the president to fire the UNB student union's bookkeeper, Mrs. Betty Joe DeClou, because a new accounting system she had implemented last year now apparently makes her own job redundant. DeClou protested at the meeting that she had only been informed of the motion to fire her that afternoon at 4:00 p.m., and told councillors that "continuity" and "consistency" are required to keep any accounting system going. Council nevertheless voted to fire her.

Finally, Bosnitch moved, and council agreed, to demand that the *Brunswickan*

turn over one full page of each of its weekly editions for use by Bosnitch as he sees fit. The campus newspaper is not yet separate from student government at UNB, and Bosnitch argued that as publisher he could tell the newspaper to do anything he wanted.

This produced a quick and slightly hysterical comment from the newspaper, denouncing the president for overstepping his bounds.

"We are harmed by the motion because there is no guarantee that having been raped once, it will not happen again," the *Brunswickan* commented November 12th.

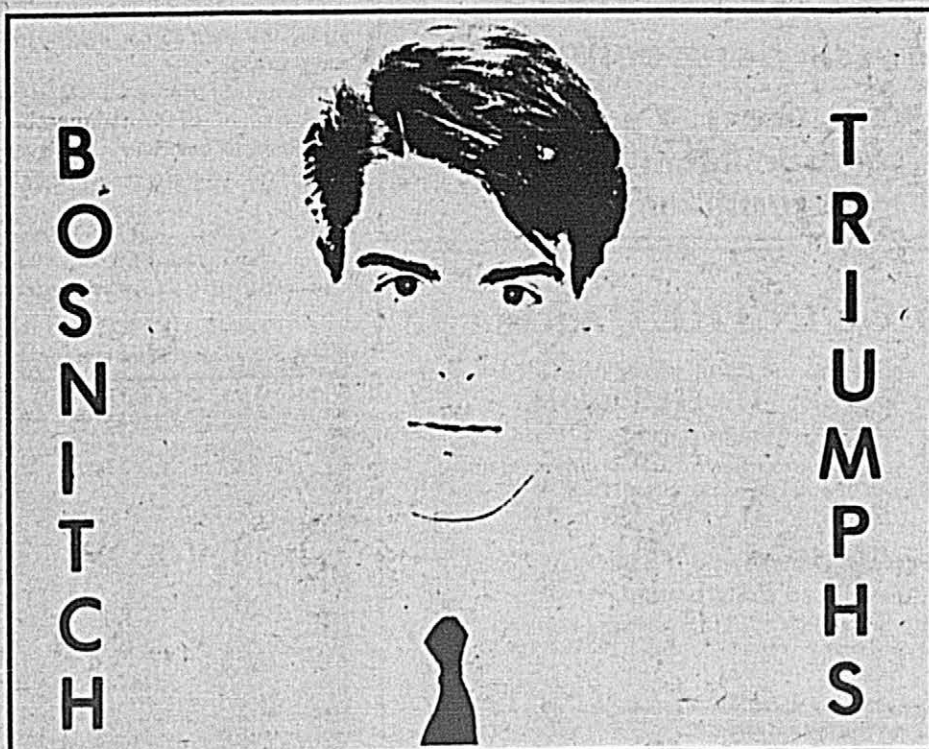
"It is up to all members of the students' union, and not just the Student Representative Council, who have shown they will meekly allow themselves and their constituents to be trodden upon by a near megalomaniac president, to take notice of what is happening and put a stop to it."

Replacing Students' Council with a committee of personal appointees and moving on the editorial freedom of the campus newspaper, all in less than three weeks, isn't bad work for any self-respecting students' union president.

There is a certain temptation in all of this to trivialize (will blackshirts now spring up across the country, setting up parallel councils, stomping on student papers, and generally marching about in neat uniforms? Stranger things have happened ... sort of). On the other hand, Bosnitch's conquest of the UNB student union demonstrates how vulnerable student groups are to takeovers by well-organized groups, no matter how peculiar.

In the 1960's and early 1970's, a number of student unions and newspapers (including the *McGill Daily*) were infiltrated to some degree by a cult spouting baby-talk marxist-leninism, the Communist Party of Canada (ML).

At UNB, 1982 has brought something different to power. Time will tell, probably fairly shortly, whether Bosnitch and his Student Party are nothing but a new form of the grasping pols one often finds on student councils, or whether Fredericton will be able to boast its very own university-based cult.



Front page of the *Brunswickan*, October 22nd.



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**Letters**

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taking concrete action.

Until the students have an opportunity to vote on which provincial union they wish to be a member of, McGill will continue to speak out on the important issues which affect us all.

With regard to communication with the media, I have always maintained good relations and have been interviewed by the CBC, CJAD, the Gazette, Canadian Press and the Times of London, England. I constantly relay information on the activities of the Students' Society to these and other media groups.

The authors of the article in the *Daily* also implied that I have not fulfilled my promise of better communication with the Canadian Federation of Students. In fact, this is the first year in which McGill has sent representatives to a conference of the CFS.

In addition, I have been in contact with officials of the CFS to discuss our views and to order some of their documentation which is currently available to students at the General Office of the Students' Society. It is interesting to note that the CFS recently voted to allow Québec institutions to become voting members in the organization. Until now, Québec schools had to belong to RAEU or ANEQ.

I think the above information shows that I have been doing my best to fulfill my campaign promises. I would now like to deal with the other complaints raised by the authors of the Hyde Park

article.

Those who wrote the article claim that I have neglected my responsibilities by not attending meetings of ANEQ, RAEU and MACA. Clearly, it is not my duty to attend these meetings since council has appointed McGill representatives specifically for this purpose.

Prior to each meeting, I had made certain that our representatives were given clear instructions to better enable them to represent McGill's views. It may be worth noting that one of the authors of the article was a RAEU representative and that he failed to attend the meeting at which RAEU was to respond to our demands. If anyone is to be accused of not fulfilling his responsibility, Mr. Gagnon might do well to assess his own performance.

The co-ordinators of the South Africa and El Salvador Committees have accused me of not supporting their campaigns, yet I have never refused any of their requests. It is true that I have not attended their meetings, however, my status as an ex-officio member does not require that I attend all meetings. It merely ensures that I have the right to attend.

The President of the Students' Society is an ex-officio member of all committees. I am confident that he is not expected to participate in all of their sessions.

The SAC and ESC Co-ordinators have also accused me of financial incompetence in the administration of their budget. In a discussion with one of

the authors, I was told that they were referring to their displeasure with the amount of money allotted to them. This can hardly be called incompetence.

The authors also claim that I have not made McGill's position known with respect to unemployment, loans and bursaries and cutbacks. This implication is totally false. I have made strong statements to the media on all of these points, and they are a matter of public record.

The attitude of the *McGill Daily*, and particularly that of Moira Ambrose, has prevented me from voicing the opinions of Students' Council in the *Daily*. Whenever I have made policy statements in Council, they have neglected to cover them.

The recent open meeting of the Society is a perfect example. During the meeting I went into great depth on my position against an increase in tuition fees. This aspect was not covered in Ms. Ambrose's article. Instead, she stated that I was the subject of criticism of some students. She did not state the whole truth, which was that she and a gentlemen who ran for election against me were the only students who voiced such criticism.

The authors have complained that I am difficult to contact. Discussion with one of the authors revealed that he neither telephoned me nor came to my office to see me. Should he wish to experiment, I am sure that he will find that I am easily accessible.

So far, during the month of November there were only two school days during which I did not attend meetings on behalf of our students. In the last week alone, I attended eight meetings.

The article which appeared in Hyde Park was merely a political exercise perpetrated by a small group of individuals who, for one reason or another, perceive me as an obstacle in the path toward the achievement of their goals.

Bruce Ness and Marjorie Tyroler are upset because I have not recommended that council vote to join ANEQ, a provincial student union composed primarily of CEGEPs with which they have long been involved.

The co-ordinators of the South Africa and El Salvador Committees are angry because I have suggested that Council monitor their activities more closely. Given that both of these committees have already violated the financial regulations of the Student's Society by neglecting to deposit some revenue with our accounting department, it is not surprising that they do not welcome this added scrutiny.

Clearly, their motive for writing the article was not, as they claimed, that I was not active, but rather, that perhaps I have been too active in their areas of concern.

Benjie Trister  
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